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SUBJECT: HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS VICINITY OF JAPAN

1. IN ORDER TO SATISFY CIVILIAN NAUTICAL AND MILITARY
CHARTING REQUIREMENTS, THE U.S. NAVY DESIRES TO CONDUCT
HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS OFF THE EAST COAST OF HONSHU. THE
SURVEYS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY 35'00"N,
35'30"N140'32"E AND 141'11"E AND AN AREA BOUNDED BY
36'01"N, 36'10"N 141'00"E AND 141'15"EJS

2. USNS CHAUVENET (T-AGS 29), A COASTAL HYDROGRAPHIC
SURVEY SHIP OPERATED BY MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND AND UNDER
THE TECHNICAL DIRECTION OF THE NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC OFFICE,
WOULD CONDUCT THE SURVEYS. CHAUVENET, WHICH CARRIES
FOUR LAUNCHES AND A HELICOPTER, IS AN UNARMED WHITE
HULLED SHIP WITH A CIVIL SERVICE CREW AND A MILITARY
DETACHMENT THAT CONDUCTS THE ACTUAL HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY.

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WE WELCOME PARTICIPATION BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GOJ

HYDROGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT OF THE MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY,
AND THE HYDROGRAPHIC DATA IN RAW FORM CAN BE PROVIDED TO
THE HOST COUNTRY IF DESIRED.

3. FYI. THE PRIME USE OF THE DATA TO BE COLLECTED WILL BE
FOR A NAVAL EXERCISE AREA CHART. WHILE THE CHART WILL BE
UNCLASSIFIED IT WILL NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL
PUBLIC AND WILL HAVE A LIMITED DISTRIBUTION WITHIN THE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. END FYI.

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4. WHILE THE SURVEYS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN INTERNATIONAL
WATERS, LAND USE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A NUMBER OF SHORE
AIDS WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE POSITIONING OF ELECTRONIC
AIDS AND A SMALL ADVANCE PARTY WILL PROBABLY BE REQUIRED
TO MAKE FINAL SELECTION OF THE SITES. IT IS
ENVISAGED THAT FOUR SITES WILL BE REQUIRED LOCATED IN
PROXIMITY TO 35°44'20"N 140°50'45"E, 36°03'15"N 140°37'40"
E, 35°41'30"N 140°43'45"E, 35°22'45"N 140°23'30"E. THE
FIRST TWO SITES WOULD BE USED WITH THE NORTHERNMOST SURVEY
AREA, THE SECOND TWO WOULD BE USED WITH THE SOUTHERNMOST.
THE USE OF ELECTRONIC POSITIONING AIDS WILL REQUIRE
SEPARATE FREQUENCY CLEARANCE. GEODETIC REQUIREMENTS FOR
THE POSITIONING OF THE NAVIGATION AIDS WILL BE
COORDINATED THROUGH THE HYDROGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT.

5. PERSONNEL K THE NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC OFFICE ARE
AVAILABLE TO BRIEF APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL CONCERNING THE
SURVEY.

6. REQUEST THE GOJ BE APPROACHED WITH THIS PROPOSAL AND
THAT DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE BEGINNING JULY 1976 BE RE-
QUESTED. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE SURVEY CAN BE
COMPLETED IN ONE OR TWO MONTHS. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO
ALLOW FOR ANY DELAYS THE CLEARANCE SHOULD REMAIN VALID
FOR FIVE MONTHS. KISSINGER
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